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**Present Application:**

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Title : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING PH DURING PLANARIZATION AND CLEANING OF  
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES

**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendment to the Title:

Please Amend the Title to Read:

METHOD FOR CONTROLLING PH DURING PLANARIZATION AND CLEANING  
OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. application No. 09/843,293,  
filed April 24, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/122,187, filed  
July 23, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,220,934.